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TAGS: OVIP (KISSINGER, HENRY C) CI

SUBJECT: MEETING WITH SECRETARY IN BUENOS AIRES

REF: SANTIAGO 2264

FOR AMBASSADOR FROM AMBASSADOR HILL

1. YOU KNOW THAT YOU ARE ALWAYS WELCOME TO VISIT
BUENOS AIRES AT ANY TIME THAT YOU DESIRE AND THAT IT
WILL ALWAYS BE A PLEASURE TO HAVE YOU STAY WITH US AT
THE RESIDENCE.

2. WHILE I AM NOT IN A POSITION TO JUDGE THE EFFECT THAT
A BRIEF CONVERSATION BY YOU WITH THE SECRETARY AND ASSIS-
TANT SECRETARY ROGERS WOULD HAVE IN CHILE, I GATHER THAT
YOU AND THE DEPARTMENT BELIEVE IT WOULD BE IN OUR INTEREST.
HOWEVER, SEEN FROM BUENOS AIRES, I BELIEVE THAT YOUR
PRESENCE HERE DURING THE SECRETARY'S VISIT OFFERS SOME
PROBLEMS WHICH I WANT TO SET FORTH IN ALL CANDOR.

3. THE PRESENCE OF THE AMERICAN AMBASSADOR TO CHILE DURING
THE VISIT OF SECRETARY KISSINGER WOULD CERTAINLY NOT GO
UNNOTICED AT HIGH LEVELS OF THE ARGENTINE GOVERNMENT.
IT UNDOUBTEDLY WOULD RAISE THE QUESTION AS TO WHETHER
THIS DOES NOT EAT INTO THE VERY LIMITED TIME THAT THE
SECRETARY HAS AVAILABLE IN BUENOS AIRES AS WELL AS DISTRACT
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HIM FROM THE ESSENTIALLY BILATERAL NATURE OF HIS VISIT.

WE WOULD BE HARD PUT TO ANSWER GOA AND PRESS QUERIES AS TO WHAT THE AMERICAN AMBASSADOR FROM SANTIAGO IS DOING IN BA DURING AN OFFICIAL VISIT. I CAN IMAGINE THAT ALL SORTS OF OBSCURE AND NEFARIOUS MOTIVES WOULD BE ASSIGNED TO SUCH A PRESENCE.

4. MY SECURITY OFFICER TELLS ME THAT THE PRESENCE OF ANOTHER AMERICAN AMBASSADOR IN THE CITY DURING THE SECRETARY'S VISIT WILL INCREASE THE TARGET PROFILE THAT WE HAVE TO CONTEND WITH. HE TELLS ME THAT ALL OF HIS SECURITY RESOURCES ARE ALREADY COMMITTED FOR THE SECRETARY'S VISIT AND THAT HE DOUBTS THAT THE ARGENTINE FEDERAL POLICE WILL BE ABLE TO GIVE YOU THE PROTECTION THAT YOU WOULD BE RECEIVING UNDER NORMAL CIRCUMSTANCES.

5. ACCORDING TO THE LATEST INFORMATION WE HAVE, THE SECRETARY WILL ARRIVE AT 0005 APRIL 24. THE DAY OF APRIL 24 IS COMPLETELY SCHEDULED FROM BREAKFAST THROUGH DINNER AND HE DEPARTS IMMEDIATELY AFTER AN EARLY BREAKFAST ON THE 25TH. ARRANGEMENTS FOR YOU TO MEET WITH THE SECRETARY WOULD HAVE TO BE WORKED OUT BETWEEN HIS STAFF AND YOU. YOU UNDERSTAND, OF COURSE, THAT IT WOULD NOT BE POLITE FOR YOU TO BE INCLUDED IN THE OFFICIAL FUNCTIONS THAT MAY BE SCHEDULED BY EITHER ME OR THE FOREIGN MINISTER.

6. PLEASE LET ME KNOW WHAT YOU DECIDE TO DO.
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